Shifting of Vegetable and Fruit Mandis

1411. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has decided two years ago, to shift the two vegetable and fruit mandis in Tilak Nagar to nearby alternate sites;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay for such a long time; and

(c) by when the mandis are likely to be shifted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) It was decided to shift the two vegetable and fruit Mandis, namely retail market and wholesale market in Tilak Nagar.

(b) and (c) DDA have reported that in the case of the retail market, allotment can take place only after the list of eligible squatter is finalised and the rates to be charged from them is worked out, subject to the beneficiaries accepting the rates fixed by the D.D.A. In the case of Wholesale market as reported by the D.D.A., the delay is mainly due to the Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board not making full payment for the land allotted to them for the construction of market building. No definite time can be specified for completing the process of shifting the two markets.

Renovation of Vigyan Bhavan, Delhi

1412. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) by when the work of renovation and reconstruction of Vigyan Bhavan would be completed.

(b) the total cost of renovation involved; and

(c) whether any new safety devices have been installed in the course of renovation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The work of renovation of Vigyan Bhavan is likely to be completed by the end of July, 1993.

(b) Rs. 24,78,66,000.00 (estimated).

(c) Yes, Sir. Apart from the necessary security devices the following fire safety devices have been provided;

(i) Automatic Sprinkler System.

(ii) Wet Riser and External Yard Hydrants.

(iii) Compartmentalisation of Building.

(A) by provision of Fire Check Doors.

(B) by segregating Airconditioning floor-wise and area-wise with a large number of air handling units.

(iv) Reduction in Fire load by use of non-inflammable materials in the concealed areas like false ceiling etc.

Credits lying in the Suspense Account of D.D.A.

1413. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister